

**Conservation Commission Minutes
Tuesday, March 13, 2012
Town Hall Meeting Room, Old Town Rd.
5:30pm**

Present: Members: Chair Ned Phillips Jr., Fred Leeder, Marea Mott and Leslie Slate.

Members absent: Vice Chair John Hopf, David Roosa and Donald Littlefield. Also present was Terri Chmiel for the recording of the minutes.

Call to Order

Chair Mr. Phillips, Jr. called the meeting to order at 5:30p.m.

Approval of Minutes of February 14, 2012

A motion was made by Mr. Slate and seconded by Mr. Phillips, Jr. to approve the minutes of February 14, 2012. The motion carried with all in favor.

4 Ayes (Phillips, Leeder, Mott and Slate)	0 Nays
3 Absent (Littlefield, Roosa, and Hopf)	

A motion was made by Mr. Phillips, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Leeder to approve the minutes of January 10, 2012. The motion carried with all in favor.

4 Ayes (Phillips, Leeder, Mott and Slate)	0 Nays
3 Absent (Littlefield, Roosa, and Hopf)	

Recommendation to the Town Manager regarding Sun Farm Oysters, LLC application for a new lease north of the Block Island Club.

Christopher Warfel, President of Sun Farm Oysters presented. A preliminary design has been sent to CRMC proposing a new aquaculture lease in the Great Salt Pond. Mr. Warfel explained the proposed area is in open waters designed to allow multiple uses without impeding the recreation area. Mr. Warfel discussed the following with the Commission:

- The proposed area has been monitor for approximately one year for traffic and how the area is being used.
- The proposed area north of the Block Island Club in open waters will allow a multiple use design which does not impede recreation waters.
- The area is 100' by 100' marked by buoys on the surface in each corner.
- The proposed area will save Sun Farm Oysters time and fuel and allow the farm to market oysters much quicker.

Steve Land, Harbormaster spoke on behalf of the Town of New Shoreham. Mr. Land stated that he was against private entity in a public recreation area. He explained the public recreation area is used incredible heavy and he is currently working with the town to propose a three acre site in open waters off of the Coast Guard Station for aquaculture subleasing from the Town.

Mr. Phillips, Jr. made a motion to table this item to the next meeting. Mr. Slate seconded the motion.

4 Ayes (Phillips, Leeder, Mott and Slate)	0 Nays
3 Absent (Littlefield, Roosa, and Hopf)	

Correspondence

No action was required.

Old Business

a. Discuss Tree Preservation and Protection

No action was taken.

b. Discuss Bathrooms Facilities at the Ball O'Brien Park

Mr. Leeder explained that the Town Council will review the letter from the Commission for the support of waterless urinals.

Snow Fencing

The Commission set a date for Saturday, March 17, 2012 at 10:00am to install three rolls of snow fencing.

Election of Officers

This item was tabled to the April meeting.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20p.m. in a motion by Mr. Phillips, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Leeder.

4 Ayes (Phillips, Leeder, Mott and Slate)	0 Nays
3 Absent (Littlefield, Roosa, and Hopf)	

Respectfully submitted

Terri L. Chmiel

Minutes approved: June 12, 2012

